

Amendments to the Specification:

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Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 15, line 34 as follows:

Lyophilized hemoglobin was dissolved in purified water, thus preparing a 50 g/L hemoglobin solution. On the other hand, FV was produced according to JP 2(1990)-69644 A and dissolved in purified water, thus preparing a 1 mM FV solution. Then, 37 μ l of the hemoglobin solution, 60 μ l of the FV solution and 203 μ l of purified water were mixed so as to prepare a sample to be measured.